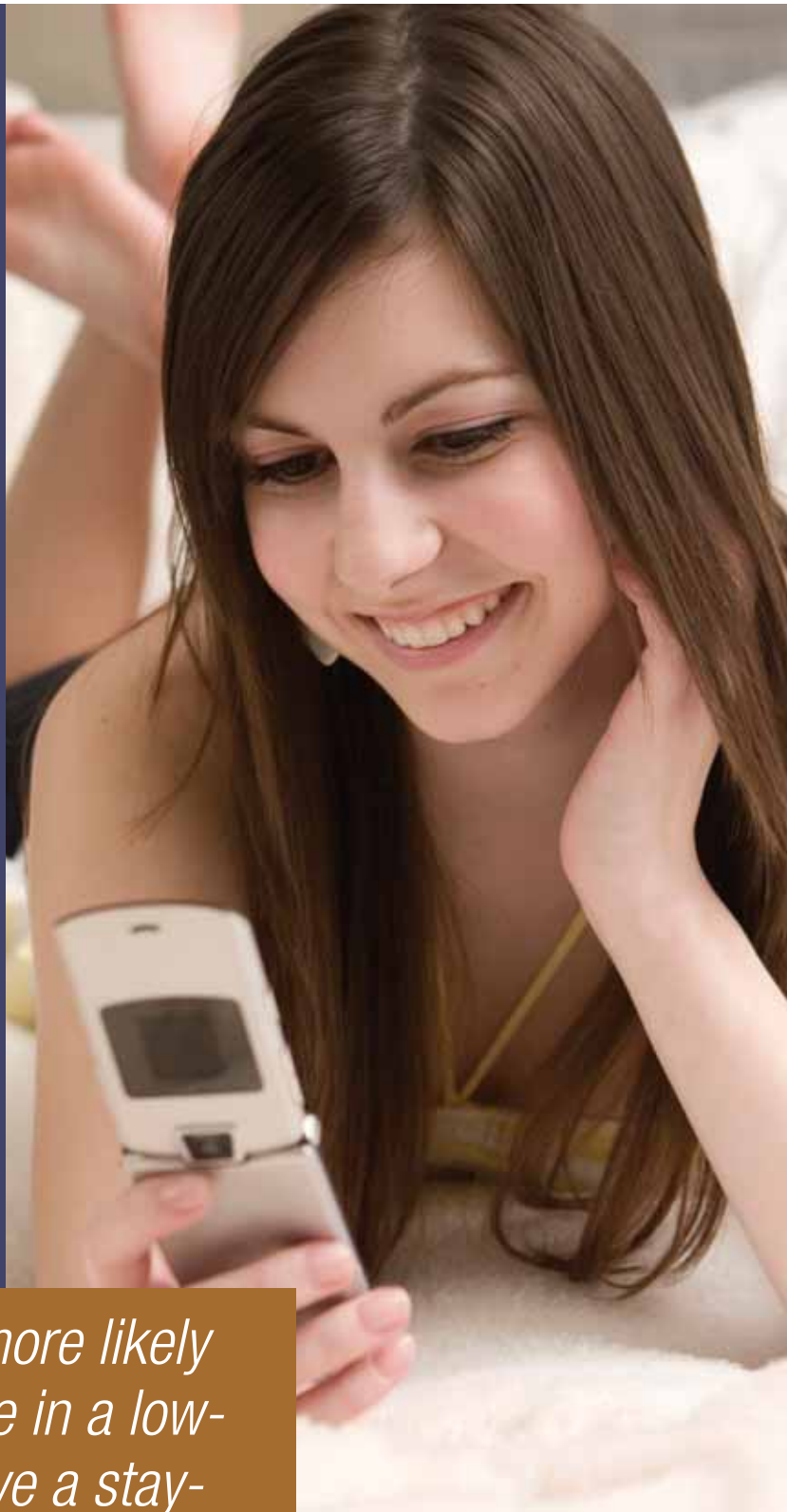


Young People

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Growing Up In Scotland: According to the Growing Up In Scotland study, of which 4% of the participants are from non-White backgrounds, and a third of which are from Pakistani backgrounds, non-White children are more likely than White children to live in a low-income household, to have a stay-at-home mother, and to have three or more siblings.

In terms of child development, although base sizes are small, there is some evidence that there is a greater level of concern about children's motor and language development among parents from lower-income households and BME groups.

[Source: Growing Up In Scotland 2007]

Children Looked After: Regarding children looked after, as of 31 March 2007, non-White children made up 2.5% of children looked after. This is slightly lower than the proportion of non-White children in the population as a whole, which is 3%; however, it is an increase from 2% of children looked after in 2005. Moreover, of children starting to be looked after in the year 2006-07, non-White children made up 3.4% of the total. Looking at the figures over the last five years shows a very large increase of non-White children being looked after; between 2002 and 2007, the number of White children being looked after increased by 6.8%, while the number of non-White children being looked after increased by 55.4%. Some of this increase may be explained by unaccompanied minors seeking asylum.

Children looked after, and starting to be looked after, by Ethnic Group

Children looked after at 31st March 2007 by Ethnic Group		Children starting to be looked after during 2006-07	
Ethnic Group		Ethnic Group	
White	11,795	White	4,226
Mixed Ethnicity	137	Mixed Ethnicity	71
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	74	Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	23
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	48	Black, Black Scottish or Black British	32
Other Ethnic Background	44	Other Ethnic Background	24
Not Disclosed	266	Not Disclosed	165
Not Known	1,696	Not Known	928
Total looked after children	14,060	Total	5,469

Note: Figures include all episodes of starting to be looked after (i.e a child may be counted more than once).

Children Looked After, and Starting to be Looked After, by Ethnic Group

	Children looked after on 31st March...						Percentage of 2007 total
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
White	11,047	11,163	11,436	10,153	10,769	11,795	84
Mixed Ethnicity	85	100	114	95	122	137	1
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	19	21	24	31	141	74	1
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	47	51	43	40	49	48	0
Other Ethnic Background	44	52	57	32	30	44	0
Not Disclosed/Not Known				1,834	1,971	1,962	14
Total	11,241	11,388	11,675	12,185	12,982	14,060	100

Notes: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Prior to 2007 table includes estimates wherever local authorities were not able to provide information.

Figures for 2006 are revised.

In years 2002 - 2004 children with unreported ethnic origin were allocated to an ethnic group rather than being presented as 'unknown'. For this reason, totals may not exactly be equal the sum of their parts, due to rounding.

[Children Looked After Statistics 2006-07: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/11/27100107/0>]

Youth Work Training: In 2005, GARA carried out research into the equality and diversity training needs of youth workers in Glasgow. While the sample size was relatively small (85 respondents), the results were still informative. Only 16.5% of respondents had a Comm. Ed qualification, and only approximately 50% had had any sort of dedicated equality and diversity training.

[Source: GARA research, unpublished 2005]